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LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BELGRADE 6534

E.O. 12356:N/A  
 TAGS: SHUM, SREF, YO, RO  
 SUBJ: WHEREABOUTS OF ROMANIAN REFUGEE ION PANAIT

REF: STATE 229619

1. CONGRESSMAN ROBIN L. BEARD INTERESTED.

2. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO RPT NO INQUIRY FROM ANYONE  
 IDENTIFYING HIMSELF/HERSELF AS CONGRESSIONAL STAFFER.  
 CONSULAR OFFICER ON AUG 16 TOLD SELF-IDENTIFIED  
 FRIEND OF FAMILY THAT PANAITES REGISTERED WITH EMBASSY  
 AS REFUGEE, THAT WE HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING  
 ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE, AND THAT FAMILY SHOULD CONTACT  
 US DIRECTLY IF THEY WISHED FURTHER INFORMATION.

3. ON AUG 17 UNHCR REPORTED THAT ON OR ABOUT  
 AUG 1 PANAITES AND TWO OTHER REFUGEES LEFT CAMP IN AN  
 APPARENT ATTEMPT TO CROSS ILLEGALLY INTO ITALY OR  
 AUSTRIA. PANAITES WAS ARRESTED AND  
 BROUGHT TO PRISON IN BELGRADE.  
 UNHCR ADVISES THAT IN SIMILAR PREVIOUS CASES REFUGEES  
 HAVE BEEN DETAINED UP TO ONE MONTH BEFORE BEING  
 RETURNED TO UNHCR CAMP OR DEPORTED TO ITALY OR  
 AUSTRIA. WE WILL KEEP DEPT ADVISED OF FURTHER  
 DEVELOPMENTS.

ANDERSON

END OF MESSAGE

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State Dept. review completed

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